



New Chapter School

Science Week

Science encourages a wonderful sense of curiosity. Science activities are great for encouraging your child's thinking, problem solving, observing, and exploring skills. During Science week the children have had opportunities to explore these skills in school and during their home learning.

In EYFS, the children used gingerbread people to find out which biscuit would dissolve or break apart the quickest in different liquids. The children placed a gingerbread man in cold water, washing up liquid and cooking oil. Then they made their predictions and most came to the conclusion that the gingerbread in the cold water would dissolve quickest as it sank straight to the bottom.



The children were very engaged as they observed the changes of each biscuit. What a great experiment to be a part of!

In Year 1 and 2 the children looked at changing states of materials. They used double cream, a liquid, and the force of shaking to turn the cream into a butter - which is a solid. It took the children in Bubble 2, 45 minutes to turn the cream into butter and then they enjoyed it on bread.



In Year 3 the children learnt about the bones in the human body and what makes up the human skeleton. They were set the challenge to create a skeleton picture using different materials at home.



In Year 4 the children explored how sound waves travel and enable us to hear. They were given the challenge to make cup telephones to send messages to their family. Codey made a telephone at home to send secret messages in the garden.

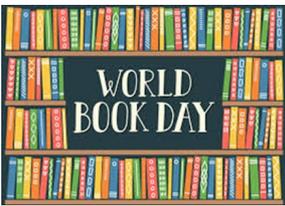
Year 5 were investigating air resistance during Science Week and they looked at how air resistance works by comparing a flat piece of paper and a ball of paper. Vinnie predicted that the flat piece of paper would fall slower than the ball of paper because it has a larger area so the air resistance would be greater. He was correct!



Year 6's Floating Flowers

Year 6 had lots of fun making paper lily pads to float on the water in their trays. They were amazed to see what happened when the fibres in the paper soaked up water. They learnt that the fibres swell and the paper expands. As this happens there is a slight movement which makes the flower open up. Different types of paper soak up water at different speeds, which will affect the time it takes for the flower to open. They learnt that sugar paper flowers opened up almost as soon as they touched the water!





It was lovely to see so many children (and adults) dressing up for World Book Day 2021. The children took part in lots of fun reading activities both at home and school. Here are some of the amazing costumes from this year.



Key Stage 1 WOW day

The children in Key Stage 1 came back to school with beautiful smiles and filled with enthusiasm. The teachers were really impressed with how well they all settled and how much they have learned while being at home over the last few weeks. We welcomed them back with our topic, 'Who Am I?' having an additional WOW day to immerse the classes in the topic. During this topic we talk a lot

about emotions, ourselves and what makes us the special and important people that we are. Children completed a Maths About Me sheet showing all the numbers that are important to them and then turning these into people for our class displays. We also completed a shield that shows what is important to us as well as what makes us unique. Throughout the day, we had lots of chances to catch up with friends, learn school and class rules again and play with class mates who we have missed - a lot. The afternoon was filled with PE and computing lessons where the children took 'silly selfies' which looked amazing. This whole week the children have worked really hard so do not be surprised if your little one is tired today or over the weekend. We couldn't be prouder of how well they have come to school.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on the week beginning 19th April. Due to Covid restrictions, all appointments will take place via telephone. Bookings will open on 22nd March via the usual eSchools booking platform.

Reception - Year 3 will take place on 19th - 20th April between 3.40pm and 6.00pm.

Year 4 - Year 6 will take place on 21st - 22nd April between 3.40pm and 6.00pm.

Please make sure we have the most up to date contact numbers so we can get hold of you at the time of your appointment. eSchools will send you a reminder of your appointment 24 hours beforehand.

CALM DOWN YOGA FOR KIDS



I am strong.

Use your strength to catch tricky waves.



I am kind.

Stretch high and spread kindness all around.



I am brave.

Be brave and fearless as you fly down the ski run.



I am friendly.

Stretch like a dog wagging its tail.



I am wise.

Be a wise owl perched on a tree branch.



If your child has asthma, they should have been issued a care plan from their Asthma nurse. Please can you bring this in to the school office for us to take a copy.

Thank you.



KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 3-12



Easter Holidays 29 MARCH to 9 APRIL

VENUES

LOUGHTON MANOR FIRST SCHOOL

OAKGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WILLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

TIMES

8-5:30PM

9-3:30PM

10-2PM

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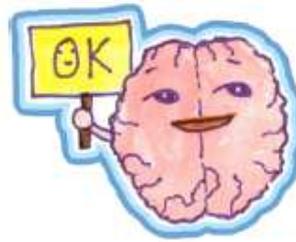


SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL

Reassure your child

Listen to your child's worries and anxieties about returning to school. Check if they are OK. Let them know all the things that are being put in place at school to keep them safe.

Reduce worries by reassuring them that by following the arrangements in school the risk will be reduced.



Share your worries

If you have any worries about sending your child to school, speak to a member of the school staff and agree on a plan for your child's return to school.



Always keep your distance!

Many of you will have missed seeing other parents but it is important that you do not gather at school gates to catch up.

When you are waiting for or dropping off your child/ren, keep to social distancing rules and wear a mask.



Your child is a Covid star, tell them so!

Ask your child how they managed their day in preventing Covid-19 from spreading. Give lots of praise to your child for following all the guidelines, like washing hands, staying in their classroom bubble and following social distance rules.



Do a 'wellbeing check-in' everyday

Everyday, check-in with your child to see how they are feeling and continue to point out the positives.

Encourage children to do their best

As children return to classroom teaching, they may feel pressure to catch up on their learning.

Help your child by reassuring them that they will catch up in time.

Ease the pressure to catch up by supporting their return so that they can settle without feeling fearful and anxious. This will help them to learn.

Parents, well done! Hang in there.

We recognise the enormous pressure that many parents have been under. Well done for everything you have done to support your children.

This too will pass and things will get better. Hang in there. Stay safe.

